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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

To the Director:

In response to the Office Communication mailed on October 12, 2005, Applicant elects, without traverse, the claims of Group II comprising claims 36-45, drawn to a method for detecting antibodies against MNV-1, classified in class 424, subclass 130.1. Applicant wishes to retain special status.

As it is believed the application is in a condition for allowance, Applicant requests prompt and favorable action. Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney by telephone if a discussion would be of benefit toward gaining a rapid allowance of the claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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